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**Re: BHP Billiton LNG International Inc.
Cabrillo Port**

Dear Margaret:

By letter dated August 12, 2004, I responded to Gerardo Rios on behalf of BHP Billiton LNG International Inc. ("BHP") regarding the confidential business information status of Appendix B to the December 30, 2003 Cabrillo Port project (the "Project") PSD application. The document at issue was the COSTAIN report, which assessed various potential gasification technologies. We asserted that all portions of the COSTAIN report were confidential with the exception of Appendix 2, entitled "California Regulations for LNG Vaporisers." One aspect of our assertion of confidential business information status was that no portion of the report was considered "emissions data." This was based on the fact that the report was not being used to support emission rates, simply to document how the gasification technology was chosen.

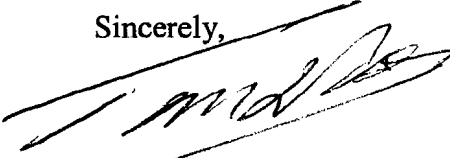
BHP is currently responding to various questions from the Coast Guard. In responding to one of those questions, BHP has chosen to rely upon Appendix 1 (entitled "Detailed Description Kaldair SCV") of the COSTAIN report as support for certain emissions information. Appendix 1 is a summary of technical information related to the submerged combustion vaporizer ("SCV") technology chosen for use in the Project. Based upon this use of Appendix 1, BHP is withdrawing its request that Appendix 1 of the COSTAIN report be managed as confidential business information. BHP continues to believe that all portions of the COSTAIN report other than Appendices 1 and 2 remain confidential business information that should not be released to the public.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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